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Subject: your availability? Excellent Tier, impairment listings, permit impacts

Hi folks. I'd like to do another conf call with you to follow up on our recent discussion about Excellent Tier & how a decline from Exc Tier might impact permittees. I've put together a couple of tables which lay out the sequence of events in listing, doing an SSC, etc, and what might happen to a P or temp permit at each stage. Do you happen to be available this Friday (any time, but 10-11 is not preferred for us but is doable), or Wed Sept 6 from 11-12 or 3-5? Could one of you compare everyone's calendars & give me a compiled list of who's available those times? We don't necessarily have to have everyone at this mtg.

Donna, I'm hoping you can join us because one of our main questions is about the timing/sequence of impairment listing for a stressor. Say we have a waterbody that attains the P criterion, but does not attain a biocriterion (fish, bug...but we're not talking about 'combined nutrient criteria' here, just general biological indicators). We list it as impaired for degraded biology, with pollutant unknown. We then do a source ID study & determine that P is the cause. At that point, do we have to list the pollutant as P even though it's still attaining the criterion? Or would we be able to wait on listing until (if/when) we get an approved more-stringent site-specific criterion for P (which it is now exceeding) before listing for P? And I suppose a follow-up question is: if P is listed as the pollutant even though the criterion is met, then would a TMDL be needed there? I'm assuming we'd have to do an SSC before (or concurrent with) any TMDL. Kristi

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